

# Who Owns Older Cars?



DMV Registrations as of  
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- Are 1975-89 vehicles owned by someone possessing only that one vehicle and living in a poorer community?
- Or, are 1975–89 vehicles owned by someone possessing many vehicles and living in a richer community?

- Registration data provide VIN, plate, date-paid-through, category (e.g., commercial), owner's name and address.
- Vessels, motorcycles, trailers, and vehicles in government fleets were removed, as were those with zip codes outside California.
- US Census data for 2000 provide median income by zip code.
- Provided the zip code has at least 2,000 "housing units", zip codes selected were the 100 highest and 100 lowest by median income throughout California.

# Zip Codes in “Rich” Group

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# Zip Codes in “Poor” Group

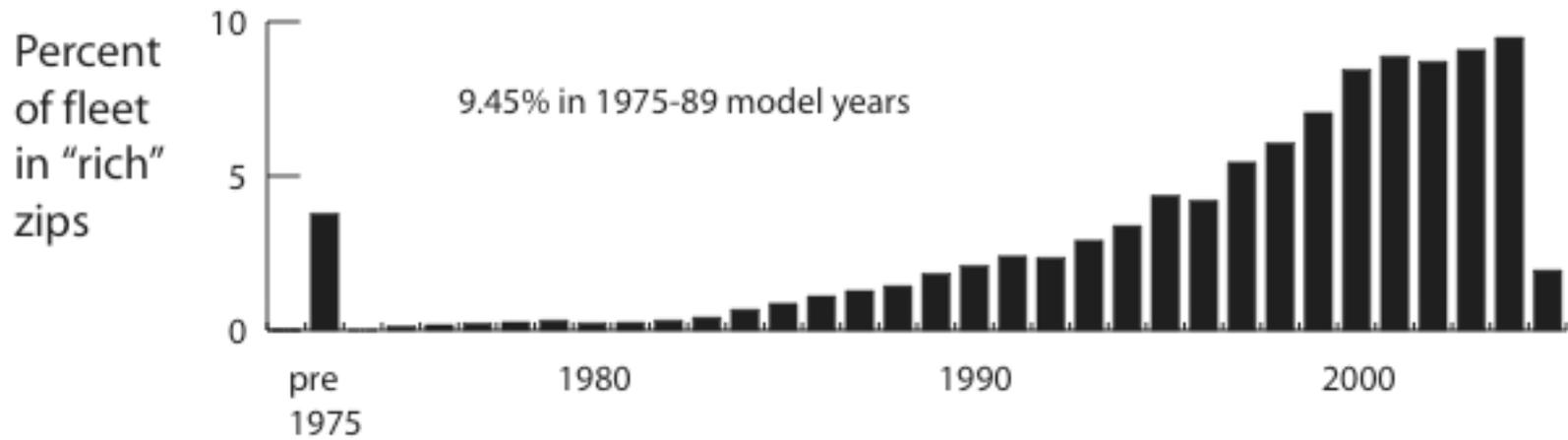
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“Rich”

“Poor”

Housing units	856,039	953,924
Vehicles	1,932,865	1,556,222
Median year	1999	1995
% not current	2.18	6.25
% commercial	11.45	22.94
% leased	6.53	2.54
% vanity plate	6.10	1.82

## Age Profile in the 100 "Rich" and "Poor" Zips



# 1975-89 Subset

	<u>“Rich”</u>	<u>“Poor”</u>
Vehicles	182,587	357,457
% not current	10.09	16.09
% commercial	19.77	28.26
% leased	0.11	0.10
% vanity plate	6.27	1.20

# Determination of a “Household” of Vehicles

2GKM228	810 PLUM LN	95616	WILLIAMS JEFFREY
4EAR752	810 PLUM LN	95616	WILLIAMS JEFFREY

# Determination of a “Household” of Vehicles

810 PLUM LN STRAZDES DIANA

810 PLUM LN WILLIAMS JEFFREY OR STRAZDES DIANA

# Determination of a “Household” of Vehicles

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360 SECOND ST APT 15

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TAYLOR EDWARD

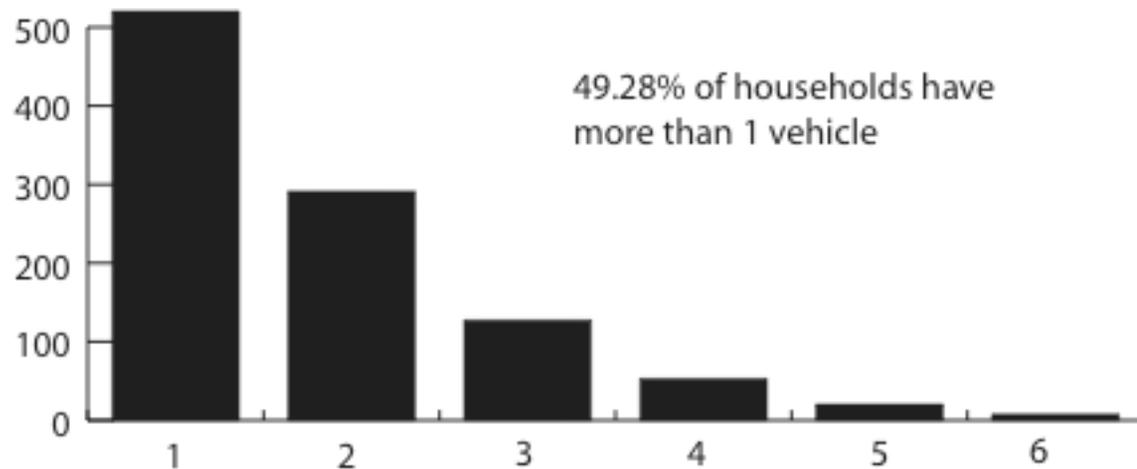
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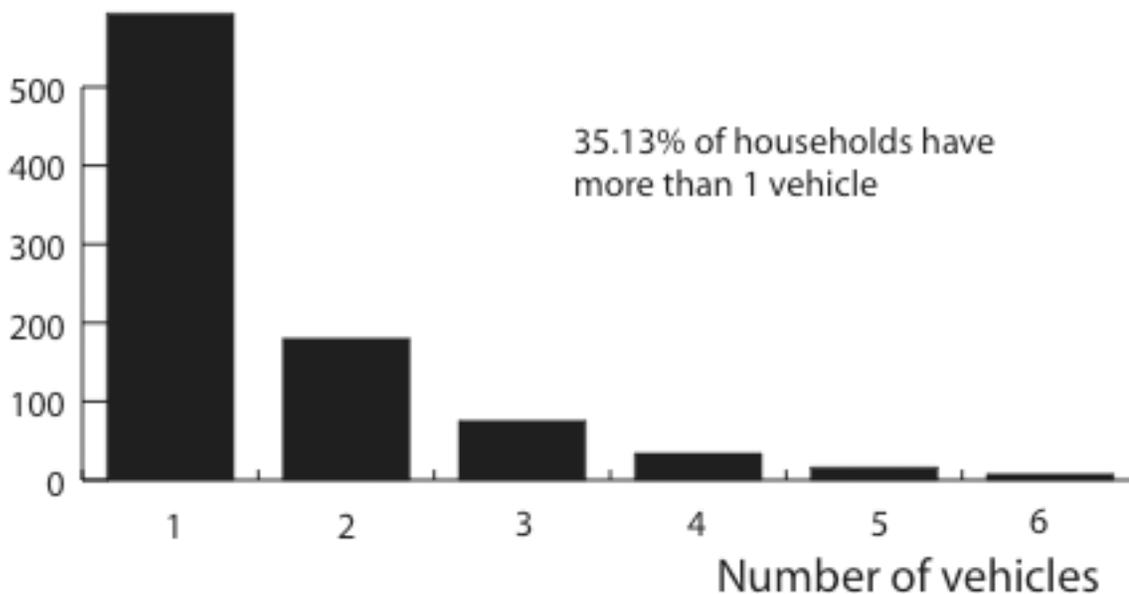
Vehicles	1,932,865	1,556,222
>15 vehicles	34,169	41,254
Households	1,025,953	914,813

## Vehicles by "households" in the 100 "Rich" and "Poor" Zips

Households with that number of vehicles in "rich" zips (1000s)

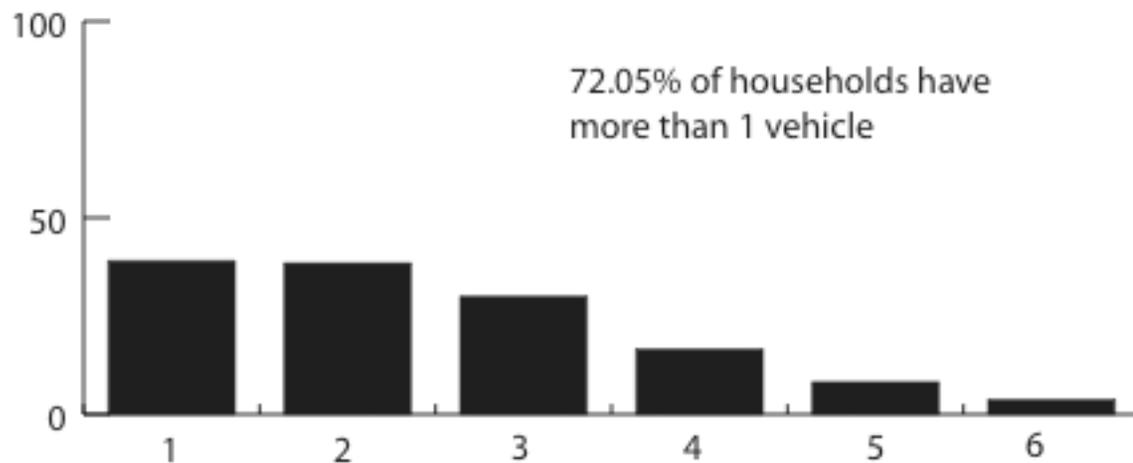


Households with that number of vehicles in "poor" zips (1000s)

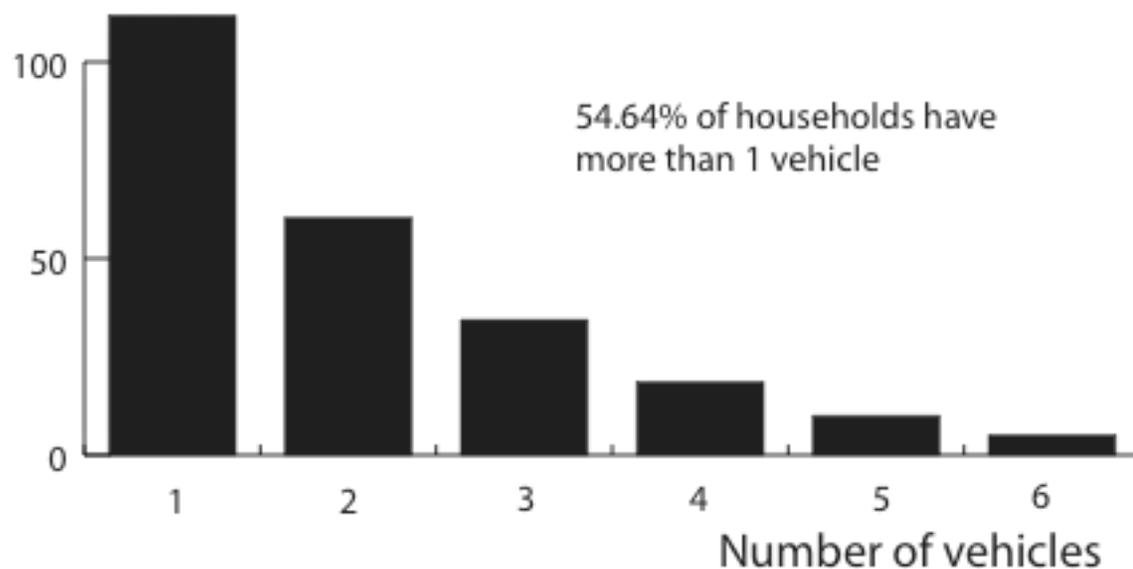


## Size of "households" should one vehicle be a "current" 1975-89

Households with that number of vehicles in "rich" zips (1000s)



Households with that number of vehicles in "poor" zips (1000s)



# Households With at Least One 1975-89 “Current” Vehicle

	<u>“Rich”</u>	<u>“Poor”</u>
Households	139,669	246,481
% with another 2000-05	38.16	18.34
% with another commercial	17.51	21.26
% with another leased	3.50	1.14
% with another with vanity plate	7.95	1.76

# Answers and Further Questions

- The owners of older vehicles live in rich as well as poor communities, but many live in poor communities.
- The owners of older vehicles usually own at least one other vehicle, which often has a commercial registration, but many own just that one older vehicle.
- Is an out-of-date registration related to performance on Smog Check?
- How many miles are these older vehicles driven, depending on the other vehicles in the household?
- Do these older vehicles fail Smog Check, depending on the other vehicles in the household?